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This information disclosure statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and specifically:

- under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) before the mailing of a final Office Action after the notice of a panel decision to re-open prosecution, and before the mailing of a notice of allowance or action that otherwise closes prosecution, along with payment of the required \$180 fee;
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It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application and that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 to indicate the documents have been considered. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0766 in the amount of the required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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